

**Strengthening Constituencies for Effective  
Competition Regimes in Select West African countries**  
(7Up4 Project)

***INTERIM REVIEW MEETING***

**29-30 July, 2009**

**Venue: Salon Amina, Senegambia Beach Hotel, The Gambia**

**Meeting Agenda**

## ***DAY I: Wednesday, 29 July 2009***

0830 to 0900 hrs: **Registration and Badge Collection**

0900 to 1000 hrs: **Opening Session: Inaugural**

- ***Welcome Speech:*** Pro-PAG, Gambia
- ***Introduction to CUTS International & 7Up4 Project:*** Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India
- ***Opening Remarks:*** Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France
- ***Inaugural Speech:*** Hon'ble Abdou Kolley, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia

1000 to 1015 hrs: **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

1015 to 1145 hrs: **First Session: Contribution of competition to growth and poverty reduction (Panel Discussion)**

- Peter D'Souza, DFID, UK
- Seydou Sakho, ECOWAS, Nigeria
- George K Lipimile, UNCTAD, Switzerland
- Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France

***Chair:*** Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India

**Floor Discussion**

1145 to 1315 hrs: **Second Session: State of Competition in West African Project Countries**

- ***Burkina Faso***
- ***The Gambia***
- ***Togo***

***Chair:*** Peter Njoroge, Chairperson, COMESA Competition Commission

**Floor Discussion**

1315 to 1430 hrs: **LUNCH BREAK**

1430 to 1545 hrs: **Third Session: State of Competition in West African Project Countries**

- ***Mali***
- ***Nigeria***

***Chair:*** Mohamadou Diawara, President, National Competition Commission of Senegal

**Floor Discussion**

1545 to 1600 hrs: **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

1600 to 1715 hrs: **Fourth Session: State of Competition in West African Project Countries**

- ***Senegal***
- ***Ghana***

***Chair:*** Elias T. Ayuk, IDRC-West & Central Africa Regional Office, Senegal

**Floor Discussion**

1715 to 1745 hrs: **Rapporteur's Report (Commonalities and Emerging Issues, Course for the Future)**

Philippe Brusick, Former Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, UNCTAD, Switzerland

2000hrs onwards: **Reception hosted by the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Employment, The Gambia  
Venue: Senegambia Beach Hotel**

## ***DAY II: Thursday, 30th July 2009***

0900 to 1015 hrs: **Fifth Session: Political economy constraints in implementing competition regimes in developing countries**

- Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS, India
- Maher Dabbah, Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Policy and Law, Queen Mary's College, University of London

### *Discussants*

- Omar Ousman Jobe, Pro-PAG, The Gambia
- Noel Thiombiano, CEDRES, Burkina Faso
- Oumar Idrissa Berthé, University of Bamako, Mali

*Chair:* Khelifa Tounekti, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Crafts, Tunisia

### **Floor Discussion**

1015 to 1030 hrs: **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

1030 to 1150 hrs: **Sixth Session: Competition issues in the agricultural sector**

- Cornelius Dube, CUTS, India
- Alhaji Tamu S.A. Njie, Gambia Competition Commission, The Gambia

### *Discussants*

- Charles Ackah, ISSER, Ghana
- Mbissane Ngom, CRES, Senegal
- Adedeji Babatunde Abiodun, CEON, Nigeria
- Jean Aladjou Agouta, ATC, Togo

*Chair:* Peter Njoroge, Chairperson, COMESA Competition Commission

### **Floor Discussion**

1150 to 1230 hrs: **Closing Session**

### **Closing Remarks**

- Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France
- Peter D'Souza, DFID, UK
- Elias T. Ayuk, IDRC-West & Central Africa Regional Office, Senegal
- Alhaji Tamu S.A. Njie, Chairperson, Gambia Competition Commission, The Gambia

*Chair:* Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India

1230 to 1330 hrs: **LUNCH BREAK**

**PARTNERS' WORKSHOP**  
***Project Implementation Discussions***

1330 to 1430 hrs: **Suggestions for improving the CRR**

Philippe Brusick, Former Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, UNCTAD, Switzerland  
Chair: Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France

**Questions and Clarifications**

1430 to 1530 hrs: **Assessing Impact of Project Activities**

- Peter D'Souza, DFID, UK
- Rijit Sengupta, CUTS, India

**Questions and Clarifications**

1530 to 1545 hrs: **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

1645 to 1730 hrs: **Tracing Outcomes and Impacts in project countries**

- Burkina Faso
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Mali
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Togo

**Floor Discussions**

1730 to 1800 hrs: **Discussion on Future Activities**

- Rijit Sengupta, CUTS (Project Coordinator)
  - ~ NRG II
  - ~ Periodical Publications (briefing papers, monographs, etc)
  - ~ RTW & NTW

**Questions and Clarifications**

1800 to 1830 hrs: **Wrap-Up and Valedictory**

- Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India
- Peter D'Souza, DFID, UK
- Elias T. Ayuk, IDRC-West & Central Africa Regional Office, Senegal